Module 2 Notes

Module Objectives

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

• Explain reasons why a first responder might encounter an individual with autism

All of the usual reasons police are involved with citizens may lead to an encounter with a person who has autism	The person may have been: • •
Individuals with autism may wander or run away from supervision	About how many children with autism wander away each year? Why is wandering away a particular concern for children with autism?
Police may be called because an individual is in a place of business, displaying unusual behaviors	The individual may be: •
Police may be called for assistance with an individual with autism who is displaying unsafe or disruptive behavior	Children with autism exhibit certain behaviors which are potentially dangerous to the child or others, such as: • • Police may be called for adults with autism because: •